

Mayor's Message

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I get a good share of calls to my office from people who need help. Their concerns range from neighborhood issues, to knowing who can respond to a specific question, and to ideas they would like to see considered for our community. My staff and I listen to each and offer direction as we can. We also get calls from various groups, including Scouts, looking for projects they can undertake to improve our City. I am always happy to provide input and get them matched with needs we have.

This year we have had many who have made great efforts to share their talents and time to give back to the City. Some of these people might inspire you as you think of how you could help.

One day a woman called and wondered why we were not doing a better job of keeping the litter picked up around Willow Pond. After explaining to her what we try to do with the limited number of employees we have, she volunteered to spend some time with her children helping to clean up the area. I appreciated her example of service, not just in teaching her children, but also to her neighbors and those using the park.

We have an amazing group of youth in our City. They are associated with our schools, the Boys and Girls Club, Scouts, and countless others. One group that stands out as an outstanding service organization is the Murray Youth Chamber and City Council (MYCC). The MYCC is always serving! They recently put together and manned a booth at the Salt Lake County Fair featuring many of the wonderful things about Murray. They were rewarded with a ribbon for the best city display. With all the demands on their time these young people have, I am proud of them for being willing to take on projects like this to showcase their talents and give back to our City.

There are also many outstanding service groups in the City. Notably, the Rotary Club, who recently completed a huge collaborative project along the Little Cottonwood Creek running between State Street and Vine. This portion of the creek had been left unattended for many years. Gerald Summerhays lead the effort and pulled together resources from Scout groups, many different churches, the Boys and Girls Club, Chamber of Commerce, MYCC, Intermountain Medical, Exchange Club, Salt Lake County, Murray Parks and Recreation, Murray Public Services, Murray City Arborists, and the Rotary Club associated with Murray High. It was truly a major effort that resulted in a big difference! If you take the opportunity to walk this stretch of the creek, you will be amazed at the beauty they uncovered.

These examples are only a few of many others that help make our City a better place. When we each do a little, it can help a lot. My sincere thanks to these groups and others who, through their efforts, help a lot.